

Local Work Group development of local EQIP

Dakota District FY07 EQIP

1. **List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:** Surface water quality, Soil erosion, irrigation water management, pasture management.
2. **If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:** Vermillion River is impaired due to fecal and the Cannon River watershed is impaired due to turbidity. The Hastings area nitrate study, part of the Vermillion due to high nitrates in the groundwater.
3. **From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

Applications that address groundwater management in the Hastings Area nitrate study,

Applications that address conservation in the Vermillion

Applications that address conservation within a half mile of the Vermillion and Cannon tributaries.

Applications that address animal waste management.

4. **Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

Will the applicant install practice(s) in the Vermillion River Watershed?

Will the applicant install practices that conserve water quality and quantity with irrigation conversion and or irrigation water management?

Will the applicant install practice(s) within a half mile of the Vermillion or Cannon Rivers?

Will the installed practice(s) reduce nutrient loading to surface and groundwater from animal agriculture?

Will the applicant install prescribed grazing (528)?

Will the applicant install nutrient management (590)?

Will the applicant install a practice to address gully erosion?

Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal between 35-60 points 1=5pts, 2=6pts, 3=10pts, 4=8pts, 5=5pts, 6=4pts and 7=7pts.

5. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

6. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group. In attendance: Joe Meyers, Michelle Wohlers, Brian Nerbonne, Chrs Nielsen, Todd Matzke, Matthew Schaar, Brad Becker, Brian Williams, Brian Watson, Al Singer and Jill Trescott.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date